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Copies of references disclosed in parent application serial number 09/440,106, filed 11/15/1999 (2,590,527, 3,720,433, 3,783,873, 4,049,002, 4,306,561, 4,428,368, 5,437,651, 5,607,421, 5,727,659, 5,782,746, 5,813,410, 5,927,284, WO87/04081, 9004513, WO95/17127, 0 668 058 A1, WO97/10753 and articles by: C Borst, entitled "Regional Cardiac Wall Immunobilization for Open Chest and Closed Chest Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting on the Beating Heart: The 'Octopus' Method," Circulation, (Oct. 15, 1995) vol. 92, No. 8 supplement I, I-177., and C Borst, entitled "Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting Without Cardiopulmonary Bypass and Without Interruption of Native Coronary Flow Using a Novel Anastomosis Site Restraining Device ("Octopus"), J Am Coll Cardiol May 1996; vol. 27, No. 6, pp. 1356-1364.) were submitted in that application and as such, copies thereof are not included pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.98(d), except as noted in the Form 1449A/PTO.

Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending and commonly assigned applications: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/318,504 entitled "Surgical Devices for

Imposing a Negative Pressure to Stabilize Cardiac Tissue During Surgery." A copy of this application is being submitted for the Examiner's convenience.

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